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***Via E-mail***

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RE: Public Records Act Request (DOJ PRA No. 2019-01852)

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter is in response to your request, which was received by the California Department of Justice on August 1, 2019, in which you sought records pursuant to the California Public Records Act as set forth in Government Code section 6250 et seq. Specifically, you requested the following:

*All emails sent to, from, or copied to Kamala Harris, from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014 containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings: "Amarel"*

Government Code section 6253, subdivision (c), permits a public agency to extend the date for responding to a public records request for 14 days beyond the original 10-day deadline for responding. Since your request was received by this office on August 1, 2019, the deadline for the original response is Monday, August 12, 2019, which is the next non-holiday after the original 10-day deadline (Sunday, August 11, 2019). (Code Civ. Proc., §§ 10, 12, 12a, 12b, 135 [noting that deadlines ending on holidays, Saturdays, or dates in which public offices are closed, are continued to the next non-holiday].) Fourteen (14) days beyond that date is Monday, August 26, 2019.

Government Code section 6253, subdivision (c), authorizes such an extension for several reasons, which may be summarized as follows:

1. The need to search for and collect records from a third party vendor or other facilities that are separate from the office processing the request.

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2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request.
3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency/division having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.

An extension in this case is necessary for all three reasons. Accordingly, the California Department of Justice extends the deadline to respond to your request under the Public Records Act to August 26, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Lee".

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